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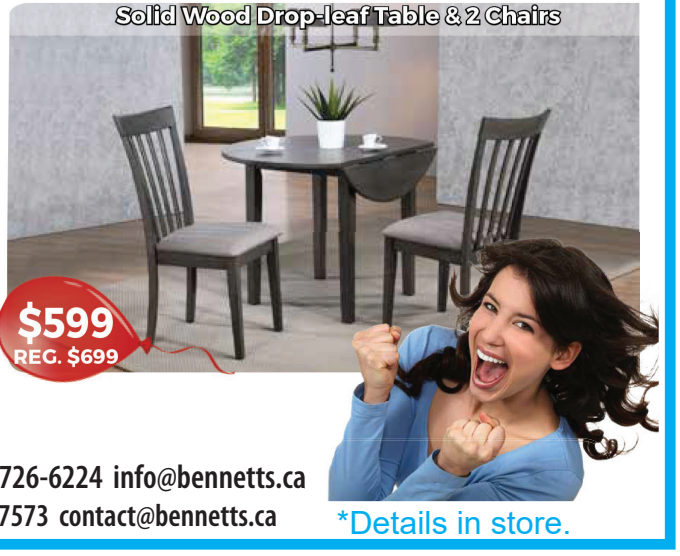
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Public welcome to join audience at music festival

The 2019 Haliburton Highlands Music Festival will take place on Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

The festival is a celebration of the joy of musical performance in which our local musicians of all ages perform and then are critiqued by professional musicians. There will be performances by pianists, instrumentalists, singers, orchestras, and choirs.

The general public is most welcome to attend the classes, and admission is free. On Thursday, instrumental and orchestral classes will be held in the morning and early afternoon, and vocal and choral classes will be held from mid-afternoon through the evening. On Friday, piano classes will be held in the morning through mid-afternoon, and then again in the evening.

On Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. the Highlights Concert will showcase the best performers of the festival as recommended by the adjudicators. The charge for admission for the concert is $10 per person.

This year our adjudicators are John Kraus, music director and conductor of the Northumberland Orchestra and Choir, soprano Maureen Ferguson, and pianist Amy Boyes.

An additional feature of the festival this year is a sale of used music that will take place during the days of the festival classes. A variety of music will be available. Purchase will be by donation, with proceeds going to help fund the festival. You don't need to be attending the festival to participate – just come to the theatre's lobby in the high school where the sale will be set up.

You can follow our posts on Facebook at www.facebook.com/haliburtonhighlandsmusicfestival/ or contact Lauren McInnes at 705-457-5115 or laurenmc@me.com for further details.

We hope to see you there.

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HHSS wins the Great Grain Challenge Trophy

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County Life Staff

For the fourth consecutive year Haliburton Highlands Secondary School won the TLDSB G7 2019 Great Grain Challenge Trophy.

The challenge is an annual student-led food collection effort, which raises awareness among students about food banks and unites communities to help those in need. The collection takes place over two weeks, starting Feb. 11 and ending Feb. 25.

Schools received one point for each grain product package, and two points for each whole grain product package collected.

HHSS won the trophy, beating out the six other high schools by collecting 664 items worth 1.54 points per student, far greater than the runner-up Gravenhurst High School, which finished with 0.89 points per student. Just behind GPS was I.E. Weldon Secondary School with 0.83.

The points per student was calculated by taking the total number of products collected at each school and dividing it by the school's total population.

Chloé Samson, HHSS student and TLDSB student trustee, said everyone in the school got involved.

"It feels good to win, but it is not about winning, but providing for our local food banks," she said.

Other participating high schools in the board's region included Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, Huntsville High School and Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute. Together, the seven schools collected 2,836 products, which have been donated to food banks.

The Great Grain Challenge is organized by the G7 Student Senate – a group of students made up of one representative from each secondary school elected by their peers to help communication between students and bring student issues to the board of trustees.

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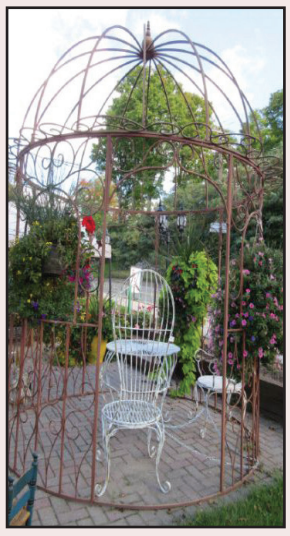

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Herlihey Park designed to become heart of town

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

A crowd came to the unveiling of the latest design of the proposed Herlihey Park on March 26, gathering around landscape architect Peter North at the Lloyd Watson Centre to hear him present on how resident feedback from last August's public meeting had been incorporated into the project.

Plans for the park include shoreline and meadow walking trails, a beach and swim area, a central lawn, a multi-use picnic pavilion, a playground and a boat dock.

"The intention of this plan is to create a vibrant lakefront park with distinctive activities and unique water-oriented programming," reads North's master plan. "Herlihey Park will be the defining recreational amenity of Wilberforce's waterfront through a lively mix of programs, activities, and healthy ecologies."

The land, bordered by Wilberforce's downtown area along Loop Road and Dark (formerly Pusey) Lake, was donated to the township by the Marcus family. Carol Marcus is the daughter of Beatrice and Harold Herlihey, who was a well-known local community member, municipal politician and operated the Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber Company on the site.

The public has expressed an interest in preserving the history of the site, honouring the former presence of the lumber company as well as the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway.

"Herlihey Park is a seven-acre shoreline park in the heart of your town and has phenomenal potential to be a really incredible waterfront park," said North, of North Design Office Inc. "What's important to us is that we connect it to the history of the site."

Taking in the public feedback on interest in a larger beach, including room for sports facilities for activities like volleyball and horseshoes, and a smaller parking lot than the original design, North reviewed changes to the site design.

The park will now have a beach double the size than original plans, and a smaller parking lot that has easy access to the recreation area for people carrying bags and equipment. North said passive recreation opportunities including fishing, canoeing and waterfront activities were important and "high, high on the list," according to public feedback, as well as an area for volleyball, horseshoes, a play area for kids, potential for skating and room for snowmobilers and ATV users that use the site.

Not wanting to infringe on the fairgrounds space, Herlihey Park is designed with a central park area for additional events – lakeside fireworks and a movie night. "Special events to augment what's happening with the other park in town," said North. "Hopefully they could work together and be compatible."

He said the forest surrounding the town stands out.

"We started to think of this as the potential for, not a wildlife sanctuary, but at least something where the natural processes guide the design," he said. He said his team was interested in nurturing passive recreation including birding, wildlife sightings and geocaching.

North's design "recognizes the environmental significance of a natural shoreline" and also recognizes critical assets of Dark Lake, including lake trout.

"Opportunities to protect these resources have been identified," he said.

Additionally, a picnic pavilion would be a place to facilitate gatherings and is the only building recommended, although an existing pump house would stay standing and could be wrapped in historic photos of the site's past. "The ultimate goal is to create a vast, fully accessible landscape that is defined by a varied collection of places for recreation, exploration, healthy ecologies, and refuge," reads North's report.

North, having visited the site numerous times, said he can imagine residents and visitors stopping at Agnew's General Store to get an ice cream, entering the park, and walking along the beach and shoreline trails, for a progression "starting with the downtown strip and making this a really integral part of the downtown."

The park is planned to be built in four phases at an estimated cost of approximately $100,000 per year.

Phase one would include site demolition, and work on the waterfront trail and access to beach and parking to formalize access to the park. Phase two would include work on a promenade and events lawn.

"It's important to get the events lawn and beach there if that's the destination," said North.

Peter North of North Design Office Inc. presented the most recent master plan for Herlihey Park, a seven-acre space located on the former site of the Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber Company, to Highlands East council and a small crowd of residents at a special meeting held March 26./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Phase three would plan for the picnic pavilion and washroom facility, seating and benches, play equipment that North noted didn't have to be "off the shelf," and volleyball nets and horseshoe areas. Phase four would include the lookout deck and potential for boat access.

The public gathered generally approved of the plan, but noted the importance of year-round access to trails, putting priority on a washroom facility, and possibly erecting a statue honouring the loggers who used the site. Flo Taylor, who was secretary at the company in the 1950s, as well as Hilda Clark raised interest in wanting history better preserved at the site for those who would walk through it and not know its past.

"I don't see as a stranger to the area if I walk through this place that it's going to tell me anything about the lumber industry," said Clark. "Lumbering and veneering was the heart of this town, this whole area. To me that would be the missing thing. I know you have to do it in stages and it costs money, but nothing is going to pop out at me unless there are some signs that explain: this is where the veneer factory was, this is where the original mill was, this is where the jack ladder was that the kids used to run up and down..."

North discussed incorporating images throughout the park, showcasing photos "that start to tell the story," and said he would love to develop that in a strong way.

Approvals need to be obtained by the MNRF, but Shannon Hunter, CAO/treasurer told the paper "breaking ground will commence in the areas that don't require permits as soon as weather and property conditions permit."

Rotary Club of Haliburton marks 75 years

Rotary Club of Haliburton presidents from the club's history, as well as current president Ted Brandon, stand for a group photo at the 75th anniversary gala for the club at Pinestone Resort on March 27. /JENN WATT Staff

Rotarian Andy Salvatori interviewed Rotary dignitaries before the gala dinner at Pinestone on Wednesday. The video marks 75 years for the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Guests at the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Haliburton chatted outside the Pinestone ballroom on Wednesday, March 27. From left, MP Jamie Schmale, Rotarian Andrew Hodgson and Tom Bennett from the Peterborough Kawartha club.

Guests mingle outside the ballroom at Pinestone on March 27 at the Rotary Club of Haliburton's 75th anniversary gala. The event included a procession of presidents, Rotary dignitaries and speeches from politicians.

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their heads bending towards puddles that cup
pieces of Sky,
clouds swimming in pools of light.
Skeletons of trees springing from puddles of mud,
as I pause on the road, that's pockmarked
with potholes,
to gaze at their reflections, cradled by light.
I sigh as I listen to Wind plough through
the dead leaves,
still dangling from the branches of a nearby tree,
the sound, brittle as my morning bones,
before I stretch them into awakening.
I cup my face up towards a patch of Sky,
feel the warmth of blue light smooth the
furrows and fissures
that Winter always leaves behind, this
in-between time,
before Rain resurrects the flattened thatches of grass,
as Sun dissolves ice into rivulets of light that
trickle down the road,
that my feet follow, like a map,
splashing into puddles along the way,
smashing clouds, splintering the trunks of trees.
The river of road leads me towards the water's edge,
where the River bleeds into the Lake.
I peer through the black glass,
at weeds swaying beneath the surface,
sticks nestled in silt,
wondering how long the pieces of wood
have been there,
how many Winters and thaws they've endured,
once belonging to a tree, their branches sprouting
buds and leaves,
now buried in this forest of weeds.
I stare out at the Lake, still sealed in its skin of ice,
wondering whether it's growing restless,
whether it feels the cracks before they come,
Sun seeping into its sleep, Wind breathing
deep into its bones.
I pluck a pebble from the shore, toss it into the water,
watch the reflection of white Sun wobble
on the surface,
feel its warmth ripple through me,
as I listen to the honks blare through the Air,
the geese gliding somewhere beyond where
my eyes can see,
announcing their return to the frozen Lake
and earth and trees,
that stir in their sleep,
listening to the sound of their own
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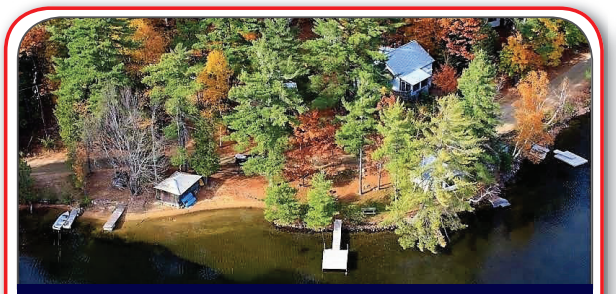

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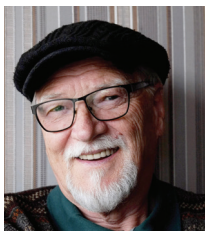
Art at the brewery

WE ARE FORTUNATE to have three breweries in our county: Haliburton Highlands Brewing, the Boshkung Brewing Company and Devil's Edge Brewery. On a recent visit to Haliburton Highlands Brewing, which is located at 1067 Garden Gate Drive, adjacent to Abbey Gardens, I was pleasantly surprised to find an art exhibition in the service area.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

It's wine, not beer, that is the alcoholic beverage most commonly associated with art; it's served at just about any exhibition opening in any gallery, throughout the world. So it was interesting to experience the beer/art connection. Perhaps it's not so surprising considering the loftiness that craft breweries have experienced in recent years, which has seen them offering such a variety of fine products that to be a connoisseur is no longer to be looked down upon from the heights of wine aficionados.

I go to Haliburton Highlands Brewing for their Irish Red Ale, but on this occasion, when I was merely returning empty bottles, I was pleasantly confronted with the art. The exhibition is part of the Art in Public Spaces initiative, a program of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands. Previously some of the venues for the art have included Pinestone, Highlands Summer Festival, Baked and Battered, Haliburton School of Art + Design, Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Winter Folk Camp, Hike Haliburton and the streets of Haliburton Village.

At the small and intimate space at Haliburton Highlands Brewing, the art, which includes photography, has the feel of being part of the ambience; like it's been there for some time. There are some moody landscape photographs in black and white from Peter Bowers, where the ubiquitous canoe is featured. Bowers has also seen fit to include some very creative photos of winter scenes that play with shadows on snow, and textures. Some acrylics by Susan Hay, who seems to be everywhere, play on the same theme. But her meticulous images are in colour, and depict more traditional landscapes than those of Bower, whose winter photos border on the abstract.

Another photographer, Reiner Arnold, has also chosen the black and white approach. His four images include two of forlorn trees, and two images which depict produce on display at an outside market. These latter two have a decidedly European feel. Also to be seen is a display of prints and all-occasion cards by artist Wendy Wood.

In one corner of the service area stand two stools against which lean two electric guitars. These are for anyone who wants to get up and play, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Thursday evening jam sessions. In the summer there are plans for regularly scheduled live music.

All the pieces at the Art in Public Spaces exhibit at Haliburton Highlands Brewing are for sale, and will remain on the walls until April 30. So you have until then to experience the art, the art of the brewer, and on Thursday evenings, the music of some of our fine musicians. I'd say that's a package that's hard to beat. More information on the brewery, including hours of operation, can be found at haliburtonhighlandsbrewing.ca.

Top 10 reasons why skunks are cool

MOST PEOPLE respect skunks. Some people even like skunks. I happen to think they are cool and not just because they remind me of the kind of cologne I used to buy back in the day. Here are my top 10 reasons why I think skunks are cool.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They're the one road kill everyone instantly recognizes.
2. With them, everything is black and white.
3. Best French accent ever.
4. Two words: racing stripe.
5. They walk in a room. Everyone notices.
6. Nickname: Polecat. How could you not think that was cool?
7. When they are around, there's something in the air.
8. People step out of the way when they walk by.
9. Cool catchphrase: Let us spray.
10. They are really good at non-violent resolution.

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Helen Morris saw this owl sitting near her Wilberforce home recently, looking quite regal.

Lost and found

ED BURKE
Special to *County Life*

As a kid, I was always getting lost. It's a wonder my parents took me anywhere. My earliest recollection of losing my way was probably around 1946 when I was not more than five or six when my father took me to Stouffville for a ride.

In Haliburton Restaurant my father kept a large aquarium in the front window where he displayed a wide variety of goldfish, guppies and turtles. As the only proprietor in town selling goldfish and small (toonie size) turtles, together with fish food, turtle food and small aquariums, he didn't do badly; a fish would go for anywhere from 50 cents to $2; turtles, I think were 50 cents apiece.

A man in Stouffville dealt in such things; our particular quest was to purchase turtles; I remember thousands of turtles in the basement of the house, a wriggling mass two feet deep. The talk between Dad and the Turtle Guy was rather boring, so I left them both in the kitchen. I wandered off and got lost; the house was huge, three stories as I recall. Somehow, I got turned around and couldn't get back to the kitchen; I was about to call out when the Turtle Guy showed up and guided me back to my dad. I'd been quite lost to the point of being concerned. I don't think my Dad believed I'd actually got lost; but I did. To this day, every time I see a turtle, I remember Stouffville and losing myself in the Turtle Guy's house.

A year or so later, my parents took me to the Lindsay Fair, an event which has taken place for as long as I can remember. It was quite a big event in my eyes, Ferris wheels, small kiddy-cars racing around a track, hawkers at various attractions, candy floss, the works; and I promptly got lost. Hours later, some lady found me – I might have been crying – and brought me to the Lindsay Police Station which I believe was beside the Armoury, in the present-day Town Hall.

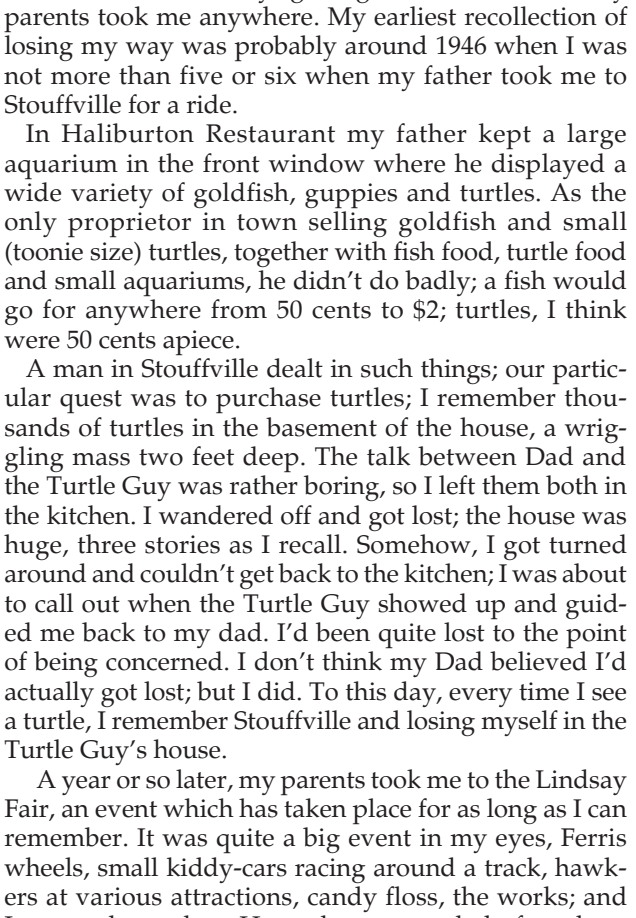
I vividly remember spending some time there with a policeman showing me around; the station must have been adjacent the court house because I was taken into the empty courtroom with my guide. Adjacent the courtroom was a holding cell for prisoners – I remember asking if I was going to be locked up; the policeman assured me I wasn't. He showed me around, pointing out where the judge sat, where the witnesses spoke from; I imagined I'd be placed in a cell for a while, speak with the judge from the witness stand. I was starting to look forward to it testifying…alas, at about then, my parents showed up and claimed me. To this day, I remember this venture if Lindsay Fair is mentioned.

Back in the late 1940s or early 1950s, virtually every kid – by some means or other – went to Toronto for the Santa Claus Parade and to visit Santa at Eaton's, at least once. I remember the time I went but it wasn't the parade or Santa I remember; it was the Timothy Eaton store which was then a kid's wonderland. They sold every toy imaginable, displays performed magically in dioramas in large street windows and inside the store. Crowds packed the place; so easy to get lost in…and, of course, I obliged. Inside about five minutes, my parents went one way and I went the other.

I was anxious to speak to Santa. Before we went into the place, Dad told us we'd meet at the front entrance in an hour or so, if we got separated. The trouble was, I wasn't listening. Besides, time was barely a concept to me and all four entrances looked the same; I know because I was at each entry at one time or another. I couldn't find my parents anywhere because I searched every nook and cranny of five floors of Eaton's Store. I was beginning to worry; I wasn't sure exactly when I was supposed to meet and at which entrance. My wanderings continued for two or three hours, before I decided to wait at one of the outside doors. By pure chance, my father came by. He wanted to know where I'd been and why I was at the rear entrance to Mr Eaton's when he clearly told me the "front entrance in an hour or so." Alas, it was now too late. The stores were closing, we had to get back to Haliburton. I never saw the parade or Santa nor did we buy any toys. Pity, I didn't listen carefully to Dad the first time…

I was probably 13 when I was visiting my cousin Bob at his family cottage at the east end of Loon Lake on Highway 118. We decided to become mountain men and do a little exploring into the bush, which we did with all the overconfidence two kids in the circumstance can have. The area north of Loon Lake at that time was virtually trackless wilderness. And off we wandered…in about 30 minutes became thoroughly lost. Not since then have I ever been so terrified. We wandered about for three or four hours unable to agree which way to go. We decided to separate; Bob went one way, I went the other. After a few minutes, I found a creek and followed it; I walked into a search party looking for us. I joined the search to look for my cousin; in another hour, we found him. I don't remember anyone chastising us for going astray, but the incident became indelibly engraved in my memory.

Somehow I learned something; I never got lost again.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Chamber awards recognize hard work, community involvement

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County Life Editor

Steve Todd was named Highlander of the Year at the 13th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala on Saturday, March 30 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Steve Todd was named this year's Highlander of the Year at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards held on Saturday, March 30 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

John and Holly MacDonald of Lakeview Motel presented the award.

"This prestigious award recognizes a citizen for outstanding contribution and community leadership, demonstrated for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands," said John MacDonald. "... The Highlander of the Year is a community enthusiast, a true ambassador who has contributed in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, economic development, the environment, etc., etc."

Todd, owner of Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton, said it's been his philosophy since his business opened in 2005 to support as many groups as possible every year.

"I've always had an outlook on things [in which] I don't support one group in general or a few groups, I kind of support all groups, whatever I can do," he said in an interview with the paper.

Groups approach his business with a range of requests for support and he said he does his best to help out.

He is also a board member with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and sponsors a fundraising bonspiel each year. In the last 10 years, the bonspiel has raised about $35,000 for health services.

The person who nominated Todd for the award noted the breadth of giving: "Steve gives generously to this community by donating to any charity that asks, and his contributions to the local food bank have been extremely substantial to help many families in need. Steve deserves to be recognized as an ambassador to this community by receiving the Highlander of the Year award."

Before settling in Haliburton, Todd worked in several towns and cities including Ottawa, Bowmanville and Cobourg. He said the people in Haliburton have been incredibly welcoming.

"Everybody always says what a beautiful place we live in, but I don't think it's the place as much as the people that make it special. The people are unbelievable," he said. "I came from another town, I didn't grow up here, but I was welcomed with open arms. I've always been treated like a local, like I've lived here for my entire life … So if I can give back a little bit any way I can, that's why I do it."

Mike Jaycock was master of ceremonies for the dinner, poking fun at politicians and newsmakers and celebrating those in the audience who had given much to the advancement of the community over the past year.

The chamber also screened their new video, created to recruit young people to move to the Highlands to

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Brian Nash owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind learns he's won the Customer First - Business Award, which was the first of four awards (along with Business Achievement, Skilled Trades and Industry, Innovation and Creativity) the business won at the 13th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala.

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Highlands businesses honoured for their work

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work or establish businesses.

Awards were given out throughout the evening to recognize various sectors of the economy.

Award winners

Innovation and Creativity Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

Not-for-Profit of the Year Award – Rotary Club of Haliburton

Customer First - Business Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

Customer First - Employee Award – Shontel Neville (Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems)

Business Achievement Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

New Business of the Year Award – Haliburton County Chiropractic & Rehabilitation

Tourism & Hospitality Award – Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

Young Professional of the Year Award – Dr. Kassie Wright (Haliburton County Chiropractic & Rehabilitation)

Skilled Trades & Industry Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

Entrepreneur of the Year Award – Brandi Hewson (WAI Products Ltd.)

County Warden's Award – Harvest Haliburton

Highlander of the Year Award – Steve Todd

YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
Minden Transformer Station Expansion Project

Much of Hydro One's transmission system was built in the 1950s and is in need of investment. That's why in mid-June 2019, we will start work to expand the Minden Transformer Station (TS). Once complete, this expansion will provide much needed electrical capacity for the Minden and Haliburton areas. The station is located on Haliburton County Rd 21 in Minden Hills. Investments in the system today will help protect the public, ensure reliability and offset far more costly work in the future.

What's happened so far?
- Last summer, a fire at our Minden TS destroyed one of two transformers. Hydro One was able to restore power within a few hours to the 20,000 people affected by a power outage.
- A temporary replacement transformer was installed until the new transformer could be installed.

What's included in the expansion?
- Installation of the new T1 transformer in its permanent location on the northwest side of the station.
- Tree removal on Hydro One's property and extension of the station's fence by approximately 0.28 hectare.
- Installation of the new T2 transformers and associated equipment.
- Installation of two (2) new buildings which will house critical electrical communication equipment.
- The removal of the old T2 transformer and associated equipment.

Project Timeline:
This work is expected to start in mid-June 2019 and be completed by March 2021. The removal of the T2 transformer will be completed by August 2021.

To learn more about this project, we encourage you to drop in at our Community Open House:

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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Members of our team will be available to discuss the project, schedule and what you can expect when construction is occurring. We encourage you to attend and provide your input, ask questions and meet our team.

Keep in touch
If you would like more information about the project or have any questions, please contact us:
Community Relations
Phone: 416-345-6799
Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

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Haliburton County Deputy Warden Dave Burton announced the County Warden's Award was won by Harvest Haliburton. The County Warden's Award was chosen by this year's Warden, Liz Danielsen, who did not attend the gala. There were 12 awards given out at the gala./DARREN LUM Staff

BMO's Richard Wannan, left, stands with Rotary Club of Haliburton's president Ted Brandon, who accepted the Not-For-Profit of the Year Award with fellow Rotarians at the gala on Saturday. The other nominees for the award were Compass Early Learning and Care, Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre and the Special Olympics Haliburton County Red Wolves.

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Upcoming Events

Jeff Moulton
When: Saturday, April 13, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost:$5 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Country Music Jamboree
When: April 14, 1 to 5 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion
Open mic. Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes with Scott Russell and Ron Lister
Please note: next jamboree is May 5.
Food made available by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary at a reasonable cost
Admission: $8

Life in the Mongolian Steppe
When: Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St, Minden
Join Michele Swyer and learn about her fascinating journey to this unusual land. Sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists www.hhfn.ca

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group
When: Wednesday, Apr. 17. Doors open 6 p.m., speaker 7 p.m.
Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
What: Linda Heeps presents the Legion's Veterans' Gravestone Project
Cost: No charge, everyone welcome
For more info contact: Gail 705-286-2225

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, April 24, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205

CFUW Speaker: Julia Sutton
When: Thursday, April 25, 7 to 8 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens Retreat Centre
Julia Sutton will speak about natural shorelines, landscape restoration and creating spaces for humans and wildlife with native plants. She has worked for conservation authorities in easnter Ontario, carried out forest inventories in partnership with First Nations and coordinated a fish and stream monitoring program.
Open to the public. Cost is free, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund welcome. After the talk there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speaker. CFUW business to follow.

Haliburton Highlands Music Festival - Day 1
When: Thursday, April 25
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Cost: Free
Come and here the performers in this year's music festival. They love to have an audience, and it's a great chance to hear our local music students and performers. The instrumental classes are in the morning and early afternoon, and the vocal and choral classes are mid-afternoon through the evening.

Haliburton Highlands Music Festival - Day 2
When: Friday, April 26
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Cost: Free
Come and here the performers in this year's music festival. They love to have an audience, and it's a great chance to hear our local music students and performers. The piano classes will be held in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

Music Sale
When: Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
There will be a sale of used music during the music festival. All proceeds will go towards festival expenses. You don't have to be attending the festival to drop by and have a look - everyone is welcome! Purchases will be by donation.

Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Pool 1:30pm
Community Care 55+ lunch 12 p.m.
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Saturday Meat draw 2 to 5 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp!
Sunday Open 1 to 6 p.m.
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.
Tueday General meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesday Income Tax Volunteer 2-3:30pm
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Upcoming events
Spring Hop – Saturday, April 20, 9 p.m. to close
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Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
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Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
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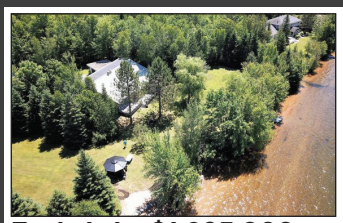

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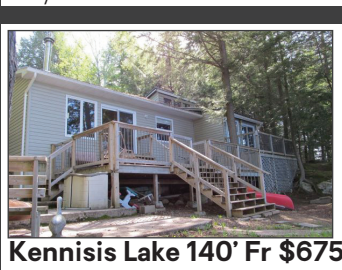

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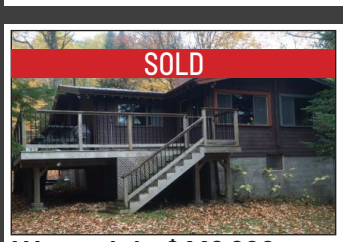

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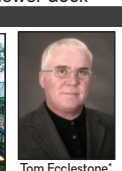
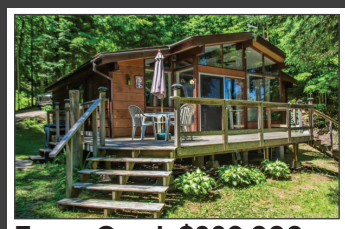
- Apprx 1200 Sq Ft, 3 Bdrm, 4 pc bath
- Screened Porch, Shed



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Gull River $345,900

- 3-bedroom Cottage on Minden's Gull River
- 1100 sq. feet, open concept living, furnished
- Western exposure, sandy beach and deep water



Lindsay
Elder**
457-5878

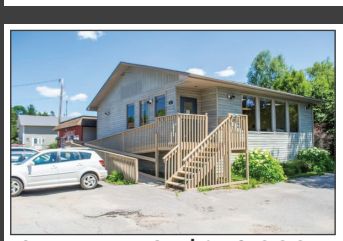
Esson Creek $389,000

- Clean & tidy year-round cottage on the water
- Nicely finished 3-bedroom, picturesque property
- Updates include floors, kitchen and bathroom

Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

Kushog Lake $449,000

- 2 bdrm cottage, Bunkie, dbl-car Garage
- In great shape, vinyl exteriors
- Flat west exp 100 ft lot w/ hard sand, weedless frontage



Fred Heinzler**
788-5825

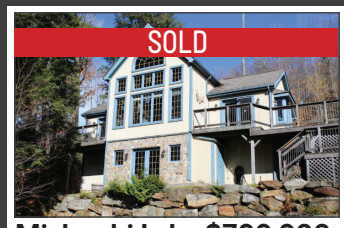
2 Victoria St $379,000

- Commercial waterfront
- Wheelchair accessible ramps
- Town sewers, drilled well

Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Burnt River $599,000

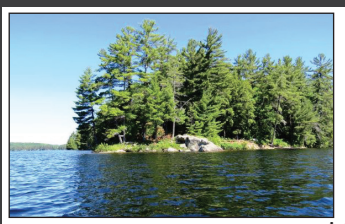
- Welcome to 'Espen Hill,' a riverfront chalet
- Private 4.5-acre parcel, beautiful river views
- Unique, natural paradise just 2 hrs from the GTA



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Miskwabi Lake $799,900

- Post and Beam home on Miskwabi Lake N. Shore
- 165' beautiful rock & sand shoreline, 2 lake chain
- Detached double garage w/ finished space above



Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

Private Lot on Kushog Lake $239,900

- Southern 4 acre point of Goat Island
- 1290' of Waterfrontage, excellent Swimming
- Make this your Serene HAPPY PLACE

David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Hot Spring Market

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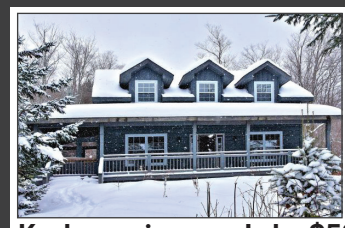
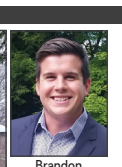
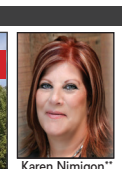




Brandon
Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

Kashagawigamog Lake $53,500

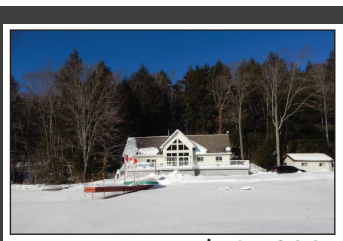
- 4 season cottage with fractional ownership
- Open Concept, 3 bedrooms, quiet end of the road
- On our premier 5 lake chain, Boat into Haliburton

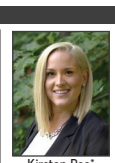


Karen Nimigon**
457-2128 x 29

East Moore Lake $875,000

- 3 lake chain, south exposure, sand shoreline
- Cottage 1 is 1400sf, with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Cottage 2 is 900sf with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath

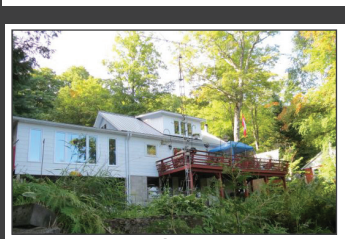




Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Redstone Lake $734,900

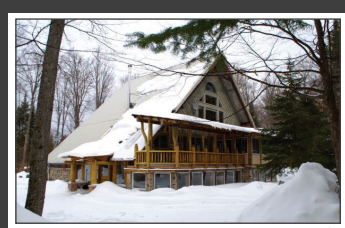
- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake

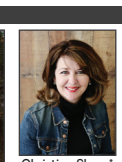


Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Esson Lake $519,000

- Large cottage, 3 bedrooms, with great view
- Good shoreline, 100 ft of waterfrontage





Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

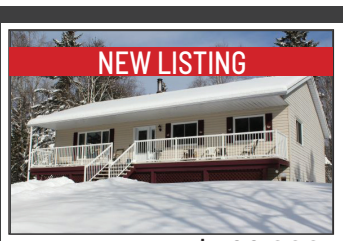
Deeded Moose Lk Access $592,000

- Custom Built Family Chalet
- Beside Sir Sam's ski hill
- Income potential/sleeps 12

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Hunter Creek Estates $129,000

- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large comer lot, minutes to Minden



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Home $499,000

- Bungalow w/ Finished W/O Basement
- "Chaulk" Kitchen, 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths
- Privacy on 7 Acres, 5 Mins to Town
- Det'd Insulated 26' x 36' Garage

Tom Wilkinson
286-2138 x 23

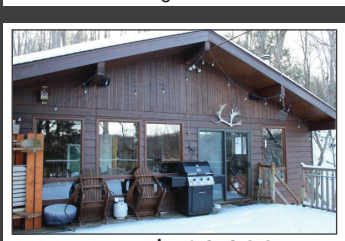
Minden Home $649,000

- Renovated Century Home on 100 acres.
- Large barn, guest log cabin, several outbuildings
- Solar generation provides added income.

Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Home $599,000

- Stunning house on a 108-acre property
- Private paradise with trails, streams & ponds
- 3000 sq. ft renovated, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Long Lake $439,900

- 3BR Viceroy-style cottage, Newer septic & winter water system
- 2-lake chain with Miskwabi Lake for miles of boating. Adjacent vacant lot also available

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Business Achievement

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Nominees

Above Board Carpentry
Bark Lake Leadership & Conference Centre
Haliburton Solar & Wind
Bank of Montreal – Haliburton
IJES Camera Support Systems
Yummy Mummy Emporium and Apothecary

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton Solar & WInd

The Warden's Award is Awarded to:
Harvest Haliburton

Customer First – Business

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Nominees

Parish & Strano, Re/Max North Country Realty Inc. Brokerage
Bank of Montreal – Haliburton
Cottage Care Rentals
I Love Your Dog
Haliburton Driving Range
Haliburton Solar & Wind
Hilary Morrin, Engel & Völkers Real Estate
Hodgkinson Enterprises
Minden Animal Hospital
Needful Things
Pretty Paws Pet Boutique and Spa
Walker's Home Hardware
Wintergreen Maple Products

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton Solar & Wind

Customer First – Employee

Sponsored by: Walkers Home Hardware

Nominees

Angelika Walter – Aprons & Soaps
Donna McCallum – Abbey Retreat Centre
Kasara McKay – Boshkung Brewing Company
Morgan Fisher – Minden Animal Hospital
Renee Griffith – Bonnieview Inn
Shani Hurd – Cordell Carpet
Shay Hutchings – Haliburton County Chiropractic & Rehabilitation
Shontel Neville – Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems
Tammy Warburton – Highland Glass & Windows
Tracey Morrison – Kosy Korner
Trista Greer – Shopper's Drug Mart

And The Winner Is:
Shontel Neville, Heat Line Freeze Protection Systems

Entrepreneur of the Year

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Nominees

Graham Borgdorff – Above Board Carpentry
Morgan Burke – The Birds and the Bees
Brandi Hewson – WAI Products
Brian Nash – Haliburton Solar & Wind
Steve Stewart – Minden Electric Generator Solutions
Paul Roy – Upriver Trading Company
Amanda Vollmer – Yummy Mummy Emporium and Apothecary

And The Winner Is:
Brandi Hewson, WAI Products

Highlander of the Year

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Nominees

Brad Park
David Zilstra
Rick Lowes
Steve Todd

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Abbey Gardens
The Birds and the Bees
Cottage Care Rentals
Haliburton Solar & Wind

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton Solar & Wind

New Business

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Nominees

Haliburton County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation
HaliHammock
Hunters Edge
Mega Munch
Russell Red Records
TheOccurrence

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation

Not-for-Profit of the Year

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Nominees

Compass Early Learning and Care
Rotary Club of Haliburton
Haliburton County Home Builders' Association
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust
Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre
Haliburton County Red Wolves

And The Winner Is:
Rotary Club of Haliburton

Skilled Trades & Industry

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Nominees

Above Board Carpentry
Brown & Co.
Churko Electric
Haliburton Solar & Wind
Hodgkinson Enterprises
IJES Camera Support Systems
Jones Mobile Repair

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton Solar & Wind

Tourism & Hospitality

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Nominees

Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre
Castle Antiques
Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

Young Professional of the Year

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Nominees

Anna Schleifenbaum
Chyna Schell
Dr. Kassie Wright
Victoria Bingham

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We are looking for Cleaners to care for our facilities by providing a high standard of cleaning and light maintenance duties. The goal is to keep all facilities in a clean and orderly condition. Responsibilities are to clean and stock designated facility areas (dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc.), carry out heavy cleansing tasks and special projects, notify management of occurring deficiencies or needs for repairs, stock and maintain supply rooms, cooperate with the rest of the staff, follow all health and safety regulations, knowledge of cleaning chemicals and supplies, familiarity with Material Safety Data Sheets.
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If you wish to apply, please send a resume to Matt Brown/Site Manager at matt@onondagacamp.com. Please feel free to contact at (705-286-5025)

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Cautious optimism expressed over funding formula but questions remain

by Ariel White

The future may not be as bleak as anticipated for Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

After an initial review of the Ministry of Education funding formula for the next three years, the board is cautiously optimistic about the future of education in Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka.

The Superintendent of Finance, Al Ingram, has been reviewing the funding formula since it was released Wednesday and says that it will take some time to break down the figures and information. "We are going to need weeks and possibly months to sort out how it will all be allocated," said Ingram. "Whether it is enough or it isn't we will have to live with it."

Ingrams biggest concern is with the lack of specific information regarding the allocation of funding. "We don't have the definite information to go with the different categories. This is the type of information we need. For example, does the computers portion cover equipment or technical staff?" says Ingram. "Those are the specifics we need."

The translation of the model is further complicated by the change to a new fiscal year, for school boards across the province, which will run from September to August now as opposed to current fiscal year from January to December.

According to the school board, the Ministry has allocated over $140,000,000 in transfer payments, each year for the next three years. The board will receive $140,466,655 for 1998-99, $140,326,274 for 1999-00 and $141,331,511 for 2000-01. The transfer payments have been divided into a foundation grant and a series of special purposes grants, which in turn are categorized into several specific grant areas: Language, Special Education, Early Learning, Learning Opportunities, Geographic and School Authorities, Teacher Compensation, Adult and Continuing Education, Transportation, School Board Administration and Pupil Accommodation. According to Ingram, there needs to be additional information from the ministry regarding the regulations for the allocation of the funding. (A chart outlining the allocations appears on page four of this week's edition.)

Trillium Lakelands School Board Chair Cheryl Murdoch has assessed the funding formula information and agrees that it will take a lengthy re-

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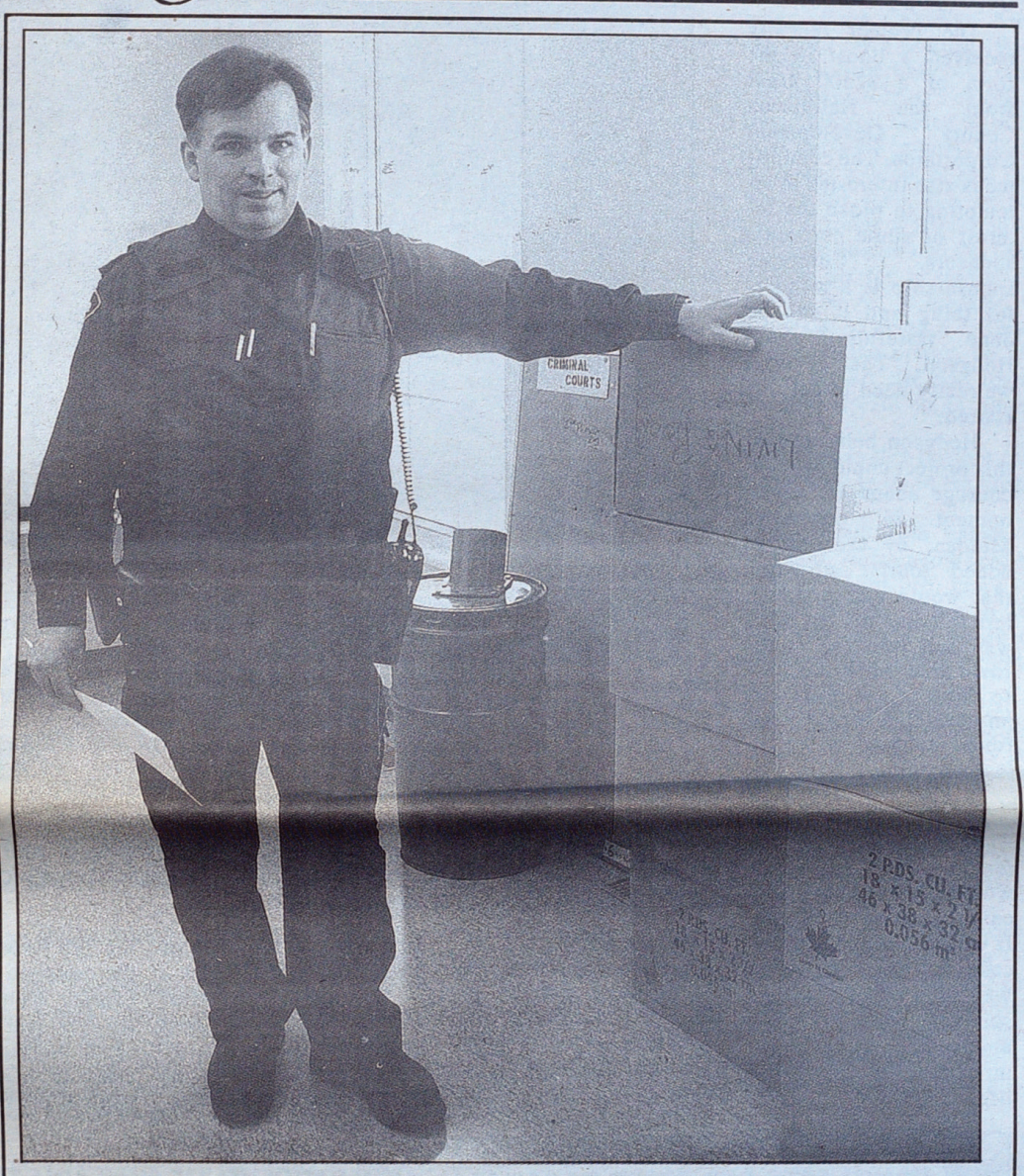

Let the unpacking begin

March 23 was the official day, but as anyone who has packed up and moved knows, transporting all the boxes is the easy part. Constable Dave Hall was on hand when the load arrived at the new OPP Detachment office and was looking forward to settling despite all the unpacking and sorting yet to come. The Minden Detachment is now located in a portion of the Ministry of Natural Resources office on Highway 35, just north of the former location.

Dressing up downtown with big art

A committee of Minden residents is out to paint the town.

The group has announced plans to paint murals on a number of blank walls in the community.

The Minden Mural Committee believes that its project will be a great way to promote local artists and history while helping economic development.

The idea came from Larry Hodgson of the Minden Museum committee. He thought it would be an excellent project for the committeees of the County Town Museum and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, two groups which share space at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Street, to work on together.

"I think that this is a perfect blend of art and history," said Hodgson. "We really don't celebrate our heritage. And we don't celebrate our art and the talent of our county." Hodgson has been working on the project since November 1997.

He and Claudio Mestroni of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery have researched the concept of community murals. They visited downtown Oshawa, a community that has an extensive mural program. The City of Oshawa has 15 murals throughout the downtown core and is planning a festival of murals for this summer.

According to Hodgson, the downtown area of Oshawa and Minden have shared the same problem in the past."Oshawa suffered basically the same fate as Minden," said Hodgson. "Their downtown core died as a result of the Oshawa shopping centre and Minden's core has suffered because of the by-pass." He believes that if murals can help Oshawa, they can't hurt Minden.

After reviewing the research gathered from the visit to Oshawa, both Hodgson and Mestroni feel this is the type of project that can do nothing but good for Minden and Haliburton County. "We have been sitting with some really good people who have been behind us on this project. Minden has been here a long time and I think that this would put Minden on the map," said Mestroni.

The mural committee hopes to produce two murals each year for the next five years. The first mural is already being discussed and is hoped to be well on its way to completion by July.

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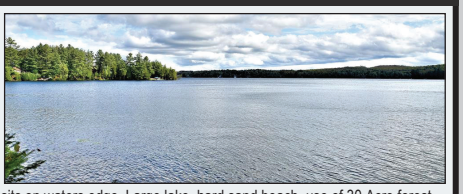

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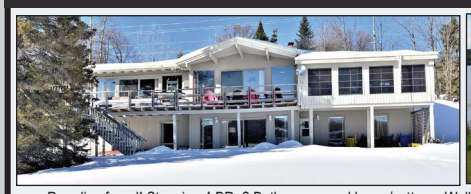
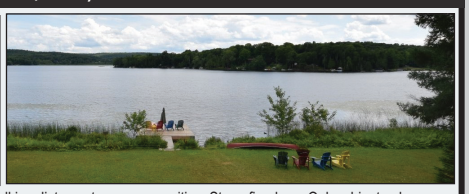

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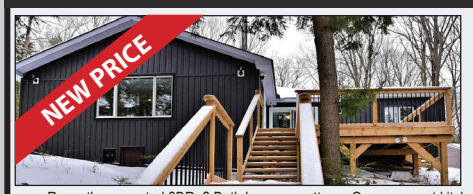

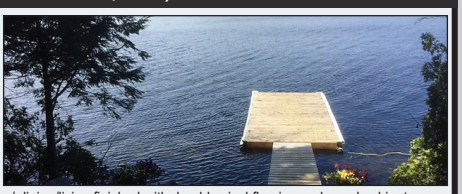

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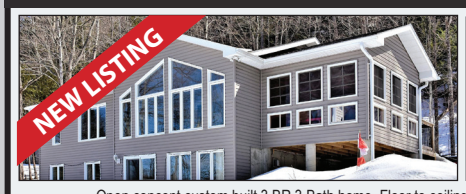

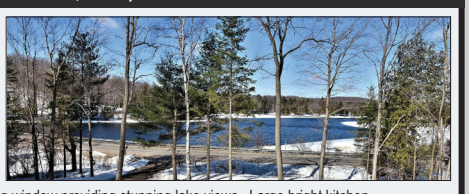

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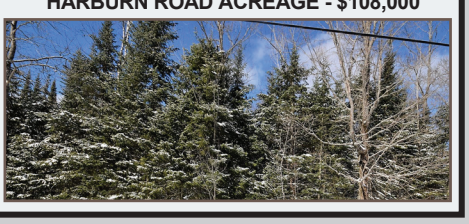

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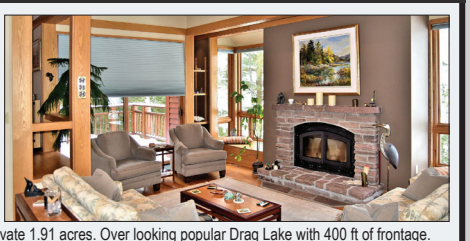

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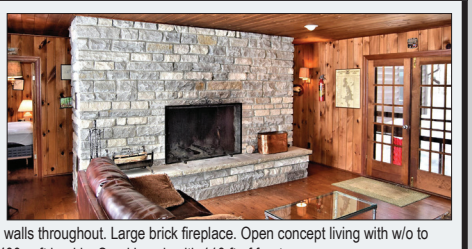

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